

PART I - THE SCHEDULE

SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICES/COSTS

P	DCN	BFYS	APPR NUMBER	ORG	PROGRAM ELEMENT	SITE/ PROJECT	COST ORG	OBJ CLSS	AMOUNT	/
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B.1 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AMOUNTS (EP 52.216-140) (APR 1984)

(a) During the base period specified in the "Ordering" clause, the Government shall place orders totaling a minimum amount of \$250,000. The maximum level-of-effort the contractor shall be required to provide during the contract period is 342,000 direct labor hours, at a total estimated cost of ~~REDACTED~~ plus fixed fee ~~REDACTED~~ for a total estimated cost-plus-fixed-fee of \$17,138,274. Redacted - Exemption 4 - CBI

(b) Direct labor includes personnel such as Program Manager, Chemist, Data Reviewer and not support personnel such as company management, typists, and key punch operators even if such support personnel are treated as direct labor by the Contractor. The level of effort specified in paragraph (a) includes Contractor, subcontractor, and consultant labor hours and are considered workable hours and do not include release time such as holidays and vacation.

(c) For task orders issued on a completion basis, hours applied toward the maximum level-of-effort will be those hours agreed to as a result of negotiations.

NOTE: The maximum cost-plus-fixed-fee will be equal to the amount proposed by the successful offeror.

B.2 TYPE OF CONTRACT/TASK ORDER

This is an indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity task order contract. Work will be ordered by the issuance of task orders.

Task orders may be issued on a firm-fixed-price basis or cost-plus-fixed-fee basis.

Individual task orders will be issued on a completion form basis whenever possible. The completion form is one which describes the scope of work to be done as a clearly defined task or job with a definite goal or target expressed and with a specific end-product required. This form of order requires the contractor to complete and deliver the specified end-product as a condition for payment of the entire fixed fee established for the order and within the

estimated cost if possible; however, in the event the order cannot be completed within the estimated cost, the Government can elect to require more work and effort from the contractor without increase in fee provided it increases the estimated cost of the order.

If a completion form task order is not appropriate, a term form task order may be issued. The term form is one which describes the scope of work in general terms and obligates the contractor to devote a specified level of effort for a stated time period. Under this form, if the performance is considered satisfactory by the Government, the fixed fee is payable at the expiration of the agreed-upon period, upon contractor certification that the level of effort specified in the task order has been expended in performing the task order work. Renewal for further periods of performance is a new acquisition that involves new cost and fee arrangements.

SECTION C - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT**C.1 NOTICE REGARDING PROHIBITED CONTRACTOR ACTIVITIES ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) CONTRACTS (EP 52.000-000) (NOV 1994)**

The Contractor shall not perform any of the following activities on behalf of EPA in connection with this contract:

1. The actual preparation of Congressional testimony.
2. The interviewing or hiring of individuals for employment at EPA.
3. Developing and/or writing of Position Descriptions and Performance Standards.
4. The actual determination of Agency policy.
5. Participating as a voting member on a Performance Evaluation Board; participating in and/or attending Award Fee meetings.
6. Preparing Award Fee Letters, even under typing services contracts.
7. The actual preparation of Award Fee Plans.
8. The preparation of documents on EPA Letterhead other than routine administrative correspondence.
9. Reviewing vouchers and invoices for the purposes of determining whether costs, hours, and work performed are reasonable.
10. The preparation of Statements of Work, Work Assignments, Technical Direction Documents, Delivery Orders, or any other work issuance document under a contract that the contractor is performing or may perform. Such a work issuance document, prepared by an EPA prime contractor under an EPA prime contract for its subcontractor, is exempt from this prohibition.
11. The actual preparation of responses to audit reports from the Inspector General, General Accounting Office, or other auditing entities.
12. Preparing responses to Congressional correspondence.
13. The actual preparation of responses to Freedom of Information Act requests, other than routine, non-judgmental correspondence.
14. Any contract which authorizes a contractor to represent itself as EPA to outside parties.
15. Conducting administrative hearings.
16. Reviewing findings concerning the eligibility of EPA employees for security clearances.

17. The actual preparation of an office's official budget request.

C.2 STATEMENT OF WORK - CONTRACT WHERE WORK IS ORDERED BY TASK ORDER

The Contractor shall furnish the necessary personnel, material, equipment, services and facilities (except as otherwise specified) to perform the Statement of Work/Specifications included in Attachment 1 as directed by task orders awarded by the Contracting Officer.

C.3 INCORPORATION OF CONTRACTOR'S TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (EP 52.210-120) (APR 1984)

The Contractor's technical proposal entitled, "Environmental Services Assistance Team Region 4" dated August 22, 2000, is incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this contract and the Contractor's technical proposal, the contract provisions take precedence.

C.4 COMPLIANCE WITH EPA POLICIES FOR INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (EPAAR 1552.211-79) (FEB 1998)

(a) Definition. Information Resources Management (IRM) is defined as any planning, budgeting, organizing, directing, training, promoting, controlling, and managing activities associated with the burden, collection, creation, use and dissemination of information. IRM includes both information itself, and the management of information and related resources such as personnel, equipment, funds, and technology. Examples of these services include but are not limited to the following:

(1) The acquisition, creation, or modification of a computer program or automated data base for delivery to EPA or use by EPA or contractors operating EPA programs.

(2) The analysis of requirements for, study of the feasibility of, evaluation of alternatives for, or design and development of a computer program or automated data base for use by EPA or contractors operating EPA programs.

(3) Services that provide EPA personnel access to or use of computer or word processing equipment, software, or related services.

(4) Services that provide EPA personnel access to or use of: Data communications; electronic messaging services or capabilities; electronic bulletin boards, or other forms of electronic information dissemination; electronic record-keeping; or any other automated information services.

(5) Services that are subject to the Brooks Act of 1965, as amended (Pub. L. 89-306).

(b) General. The Contractor shall perform any IRM related work under this contract in accordance with the IRM policies, standards and procedures set forth in this clause and noted below. Upon receipt of a work request (i.e. delivery order or work assignment), the Contractor shall check this listing of directives (see paragraph (d) for electronic access). The applicable

directives for performance of the work request are those in effect on the date of issuance of the work request.

(1) IRM Policies, Standards and Procedures. The 2100 Series (2100-2199) of the Agency's Directive System contains the majority of the Agency's IRM policies, standards and procedures.

(2) Groundwater Program IRM Requirement. A contractor performing any work related to collecting Groundwater data; or developing or enhancing data bases containing Groundwater quality data shall comply with EPA Order 7500.1A - Minimum Set of Data Elements for Groundwater.

(3) EPA Computing and Telecommunications Services. The Enterprise Technology Services Division (ETSD) Operational Directives Manual contains procedural information about the operation of the Agency's computing and telecommunications services. Contractors performing work for the Agency's National Computer Center or those who are developing systems which will be operating on the Agency's national platforms must comply with procedures established in the Manual. (This document is only available through electronic access.)

(c) Printed Documents. Documents listed in (b)(1) and (b)(2) may be obtained from:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Administration
Facilities Management and Services Division
Distribution Section
Mail Code: 3204
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460
Phone: (202) 260-5797

(d) Electronic Access.

(1) Internet. A complete listing, including full text, of documents included in the 2100 Series of the Agency's Directive System, as well as the two other EPA documents noted in this clause, is maintained on the EPA Public Access Server on the Internet. Gopher Access: gopher.epa.gov is the address to access the EPA Gopher. Select 'menu keyword search' from the menu and search on the term 'IRM Policy'. Look for IRM Policy, Standards and Guidance. World Wide Web Access: <http://www.epa.gov> is the address for the EPA's www homepage. From the homepage, search on the term 'IRM Policy' and look for IRM Policy, Standards and Guidance.

(2) Dial-Up Modem. All documents, including the listing, are available for browsing and electronic download through a dial-up modem. Dial (919) 558-0335 for access to the menu that contains the listing for EPA policies. Set the communication parameters to 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit (8,N,1) Full Duplex, and the emulator to VT-100. The information is the same whether accessed through dial-up or the Internet. For technical assistance, call 1-800-334-2405.

**C.5 ACQUISITION AND USE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
(EP-S 97-1) (MAY 1999)**

(a) Executive Order 13101 of September 14, 1998, entitled "Greening the Government through Waste Prevention, Recycling, and Federal Acquisition" and Section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6962, Pub L. 94-580, 90 Stat. 2822) require Federal agencies to procure designated items with the highest recovered materials content practicable.

(b) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the following issuances:

(1) Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 247, Comprehensive Guideline for Procurement of Products Containing Recovered Materials (CPG), which designates items that are or can be made with recovered materials, and its companion pieces, the Recovered Materials Advisory Notices (RMANs). The CPG and RMANs provide recommended procurement practices, including recommended recovered material content levels, for purchasing products designated in the CPG. The Contractor shall comply with these recommendations, and such other CPG revisions and RMANs as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may issue with respect to the procurement of products that contain recovered materials. (Copies of the CPG or RMANs, as well as information on manufacturers and vendors of designated items may be obtained by calling EPA's RCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346, or, in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, at (703) 412-9810.)

(2) In complying with the requirements of paragraph (b), the Contractor shall coordinate its concerns and program guidance with EPA's Recycling Coordinator.

(c) The Contractor shall prepare and submit reports on the purchase of products containing recovered materials from time to time in accordance with written direction (e.g., in specified format) from the EPA Recycling Coordinator through the Contracting Officer. Reports shall be submitted to the EPA Recycling Coordinator, with a copy to the Contracting Officer, Mail Code 3204, Washington, D.C. 20460.

SECTION D - PACKAGING AND MARKING

[For this Contract, there are NO clauses in this Section]

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE**E.1 NOTICE Listing Contract Clauses Incorporated by Reference****NOTICE:**

The following solicitation provisions and/or contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference:

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1)

NUMBER	DATE	TITLE
52.246-4	AUG 1996	INSPECTION OF SERVICES--FIXED-PRICE
52.246-5	APR 1984	INSPECTION OF SERVICES--COST-REIMBURSEMENT

E.2 INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE (EP 52.246-100) (APR 1984)

(a) The Contracting Officer or the duly authorized representative will perform inspection and acceptance of materials and services to be provided.

(b) For the purposes of this clause, the Project Officer is the authorized representative of the Contracting Officer.

(c) Inspection and acceptance will be performed at:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
980 College Station Road
Athens, GA 30605

E.3 CLAUSE APPLICABILITY

The following clause is applicable to fixed priced task orders issued under this contract:

FAR 52.246-4 INSPECTION OF SERVICES--FIXED-PRICE

The following clause is applicable to cost reimbursable task orders issued under this contract:

FAR 52.246-5 INSPECTION OF SERVICES--COST-REIMBURSEMENT

SECTION F - DELIVERIES OR PERFORMANCE**F.1 NOTICE Listing Contract Clauses Incorporated by Reference****NOTICE:**

The following solicitation provisions and/or contract clauses pertinent to this section are hereby incorporated by reference:

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1)

NUMBER	DATE	TITLE
52.242-15	AUG 1989	STOP WORK ORDER
52.242-15	AUG 1989	STOP WORK ORDER ALTERNATE I (APR 1984)

F.2 REPORTS OF WORK (EPAAR 1552.211-70) (APR 1984) DEVIATION

The Contractor shall prepare and deliver reports and a technical report abstract for each draft final and final technical report in accordance with Attachment 2.

F.3 WORKING FILES (EPAAR 1552.211-75) (APR 1984)

The Contractor shall maintain accurate working files (by task or work assignment) on all work documentation including calculations, assumptions, interpretations of regulations, sources of information, and other raw data required in the performance of this contract. The Contractor shall provide the information contained in its working files upon request of the Contracting Officer.

F.4 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE (EP 52.212-140) (APR 1984)

The period of performance of this contract shall be from February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2006 exclusive of all required reports.

SECTION G - CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA**G.1 ORDERING--BY DESIGNATED ORDERING OFFICERS (EPAAR 1552.216-72) (APR 1984)**

(a) The Government will order any supplies and services to be furnished under this contract by issuing delivery orders on Optional Form 347, or an agency prescribed form, from the effective date of the contract through the expiration date of the contract. In addition to the Contracting Officer, the following individuals are authorized ordering officers:

Duly warranted Contracting Officers of EPA Region 4 or Superfund Division, Washington DC, acting within their authority.

(b) A Standard Form 30 will be the method of amending delivery orders.

(c) The Contractor shall acknowledge receipt of each order and shall prepare and forward to the Ordering Officer within three (3) working days the proposed staffing plan for accomplishing the assigned task within the period specified.

(d) If the Contractor considers the estimated labor hours or specified work completion date to be unreasonable, he/she shall promptly notify the Ordering Officer and Contracting Officer in writing within three (3) working days, stating why the estimated labor hours or specified completion date is considered unreasonable.

(e) Each delivery order will have a ceiling price, which the Contractor may not exceed. When the Contractor has reason to believe that the labor payment and support costs for the order, which will accrue in the next thirty (30) days, will bring total cost to over 85 percent of the ceiling price specified in the order, the Contractor shall notify the Ordering Officer.

(f) Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this clause apply only when services are being ordered.

G.2 CLAUSE APPLICABILITY

The following clauses are applicable to cost-reimbursement type task orders only:

SUBMISSION OF INVOICES (EPAAR 1552.232-70 Dev.)
PAYMENT OF FEE UNDER COST-PLUS-FIXED-FEE TASK ORDERS
INDIRECT COSTS (EPAAR 1552.242-70 Dev.)

G.3 SUBMISSION OF INVOICES (EPAAR 1552.232-70) (JUN 1996) DEVIATION

In order to be considered properly submitted, an invoice or request for contract financing payment must meet the following requirements in addition to the requirements of FAR 32.905:

(a) Unless otherwise specified in the contract, an invoice or request for

contract financing payment shall be submitted as an original and five copies. The contractor shall submit the invoice or request for contract financing payment to the following offices/individuals in the contract: the original and two copies to the Accounting Operations office shown in Block 12 on the cover of the contract; two copies to the Project Officer (the Project Officer may direct one of these copies to a separate address); and one copy to the Contracting Officer.

(b) The Contractor shall prepare its invoice or request for contract financing payment on the prescribed Government forms. Standard Forms Number 1034, Public Voucher for Purchases and Services other than Personal, shall be used by contractors to show the amount claimed for reimbursement. Standard Form 1035, Public Voucher for Purchases and Services other than Personal -Continuation Sheet, shall be used to furnish the necessary supporting detail or additional information required by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor may submit self-designed forms which contain the required information.

(c)(1) The Contractor shall prepare a contract level invoice or request for contract financing payment in accordance with the invoice preparation instructions identified as a separate attachment in Section J of the contract. If contract work is authorized by individual work assignments, the invoice or request for contract financing payment shall also include a summary of the current and cumulative amounts claimed by cost element for each work assignment and for the contract total, as well as any supporting data for each work assignment as identified in the instructions.

(2) The invoice or request for contract financing payment shall include current and cumulative charges by major cost element such as direct labor, overhead, travel, equipment, and other direct costs. For current costs, each major cost element shall include the appropriate supporting schedule identified in the invoice preparation instructions. Cumulative charges represent the net sum of current charges by cost element for the contract period.

(d)(1) The charges for subcontracts shall be further detailed in a supporting schedule showing the major cost elements for each subcontract.

(d)(2) On a case-by-case basis, when needed to verify the reasonableness of subcontractor costs, the Contracting Officer may require that the contractor obtain from the subcontractor cost information in the detail set forth in (c)(2). This information should be obtained through a means which maintains subcontractor confidentiality (for example, via sealed envelopes), if the subcontractor expresses CBI concerns.

(e) Invoices or requests for contract financing payment must clearly indicate the period of performance for which payment is requested. Separate invoices or requests for contract financing payment are required for charges applicable to the basic contract and each option period.

(f)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the clause of this contract at FAR 52.216-7, Allowable Cost and Payment, invoices or requests for contract financing payment shall be submitted once per month unless there has been a demonstrated need and Contracting Officer approval for more frequent billings. When submitted on a monthly basis, the period covered by invoices or requests for contractor financing payments shall be the same as the period for monthly progress reports required under this contract.

(2) If the Contracting Officer allows submissions more frequently than monthly, one submittal each month shall have the same ending period of performance as the monthly progress report.

(3) Where cumulative amounts on the monthly progress report differ from the aggregate amounts claimed in the invoice(s) or request(s) for contract financing payments covering the same period, the contractor shall provide a reconciliation of the difference as part of the payment request.

G.4 PAYMENT OF FEE UNDER COST-PLUS-FIXED-FEE TASK ORDERS

See Mod 004
(a) The term "fee" in this clause refers to the fixed fee for the task orders awarded on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis.

(b) For cost-plus-fixed fee, completion type task orders, the Government will make fee payment upon successful completion of the task order. If the work cannot be completed within the estimated cost the Government can elect to require more work and effort from the contractor without an increase in fee provided it increases the estimated cost of the order.

(1) See Mod 004
(c) For level-of-effort, term type task orders, the Government will make provisional fee payments on the basis of percentage of work completed. Percentage of work completed is the ratio of direct labor hours performed to the direct labor hours ordered in an individual task order. In the event the contractor provides less than 90% of the specified level of effort, an equitable downward adjustment of the fixed fee for that task order will be made. The Government may require the Contractor to provide additional effort up to 110 percent of the level of effort for any task order until the estimated cost for that task order has been reached. However, this additional effort shall not result in any increase in the fixed fee, if any.

G.5 SITE SPECIFIC INVOICING - INSTRUCTIONS

The monthly and annual general requirements for site specific invoicing are contained in Attachment 9, Site Specific Invoicing Instructions.

G.6 SUBMISSION OF INVOICES - SUSPENDED COSTS

(a) Suspended costs, as referred to herein, are costs which for the reasons stated by the Invoice Approval Official have been determined to be inadequately supported or otherwise questionable, and not appropriate for reimbursement under the contract terms at this time. Suspended costs may be determined reimbursable after the contractor provides the Contracting Officer and/or Project Officer additional documentation or explanation as specified on EPA Form 1900-68.

(b) Disallowed costs, as referred to herein, are costs which, for the reasons stated on the Form 1900-68, have been determined by the Invoice Approval Official to be unallowable, that is, not reimbursable under the contract terms.

(c) The suspended costs identified on Form 1900-68 must be responded to by the contractor within 60 days of issuance of the Form 1900-68. Any suspended costs will become disallowed if the contractor does not respond in the time allotted. These disallowed costs should be removed from the contractor's accounting records for this contract.

(d) The contractor may not re-bill any suspended costs on Form 1900-68 until notified by the Contracting Officer and/or Project Officer on this contract that the suspension has been lifted.

(e) If the contractor disagrees with the determinations, the contractor may (1) request in writing the cognizant Contracting Officer to consider whether the unreimbursed costs should be paid and to discuss their findings with the contractor and/or (2) file a claim under the "Disputes" clause of the contract.

G.7 METHOD OF PAYMENT (EP 52.232-220) (APR 1984)

(a) Payments under this contract will be made either by check or by wire transfer through the Treasury Financial Communications System at the option of the Government.

(b) The Contractor shall forward the following information in writing to the paying office designated in this contract not later than 7 days after receipt of notice of award.

(1) Full name (where practicable), title, phone number, and complete mailing address of responsible official(s), (i) to whom check payments are to be sent, and (ii) who may be contacted concerning the bank account information requested below.

(2) The following bank account information required to accomplish wire transfers:

(i) Name, address, and telegraphic abbreviation of the receiving financial institution.

(ii) Receiving financial institution's 9-digit American Bankers Association (ABA) identifying number for routing transfer of funds. (Provide this number only if the receiving financial institution has access to the Federal Reserve Communications System.)

(iii) Recipient's name and account number at the receiving financial institution to be credited with the funds.

(iv) If the receiving financial institution does not have access to the Federal Reserve Communications System, provide the name of the correspondent financial institution through which the receiving financial institution receives electronic funds transfer messages. If a correspondent financial institution is specified, also provide:

(A) Address and telegraphic abbreviation of the correspondent financial institution.

(B) The correspondent financial institution's 9- digit ABA

identifying number for routing transfer of funds.

(c) Any changes to the information furnished under paragraph (b) of this clause shall be furnished to the paying office in writing at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. It is the contractor's responsibility to furnish these changes promptly to avoid payments to erroneous addresses or bank accounts.

(d) The document furnishing the information required in paragraphs (b) and (c) must be dated and contain the signature, title, and telephone number of the Contractor official authorized to provide it, as well as the Contractor's name and contract number.

(e) If this contract is assigned, the Contractor shall ensure that the information required above is submitted by the assignee to the paying office designated in the contract.

G.8 INDIRECT COSTS (EPAAR 1552.242-70) (APR 1984) DEVIATION

(a) In accordance with paragraph (d) of the "Allowable Cost and Payment" clause, the final indirect cost rates applicable to this contract shall be established between the Contractor and the appropriate Government representative (EPA, other Government agency, or auditor), as provided by FAR 42.703-1(a). EPA's procedures require a Contracting Officer determination of indirect cost rates for its contracts. In those cases where EPA is the cognizant agency (see FAR 42.705-1), the final rate proposal shall be submitted to the cognizant audit activity and to the following:

Environmental Protection Agency
Chief, Cost and Rate Negotiation Service Center
Office of Acquisition Management (3802R)
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20460

The Contractor shall also follow the notification and cost impact procedures prescribed in paragraph (b) below.

Where EPA is not the cognizant agency, the final rate proposal shall be submitted to the above-cited address, to the cognizant audit agency, and to the designated Contracting Officer of the cognizant agency. Upon establishment of the final indirect cost rates, the Contractor shall submit an executed Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data (see FAR 15.406-2) applicable to the data furnished in connection with the final rates to the cognizant audit agency. The final rates shall be contained in a written understanding between the Contractor and the appropriate Government representative. Pursuant to the "Allowable Cost and Payment" clause, the allowable indirect costs under this contract shall be obtained by applying the final agreed upon rate(s) to the appropriate bases.

(b) Until final annual indirect cost rates are established for any period, the Government shall reimburse the Contractor at billing rates established by the appropriate Government representative in accordance with FAR 42.704, by means of a separate indirect cost rate agreement or a contract modification subject to adjustment when the final rates are established. The established billing rates are currently as follows:

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<u>Period</u>	<u>Cost Center</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Base</u>
EFFECTIVE DATE OF	Fringe	[REDACTED]	(a)
CONTRACT AWARD UNTIL	On-Site Overhead	[REDACTED]	(b)
AMENDED	G&A	[REDACTED]	(c)
	Subcontract Admin.	[REDACTED]	(d)

- (a) Direct Labor dollars
- (b) direct labor dollars plus fringe benefit dollars
- (c) All Costs Excluding subcontract and G&A Costs
- (d) Subcontract Costs

These billing rates may be prospectively or retroactively revised by mutual agreement, at the request of either the Government or the Contractor, to prevent substantial overpayment or underpayment.

(1) For any retroactive indirect cost rate adjustments (i.e., indirect costs already billed), including final indirect cost rate adjustments, the Contractor shall provide to the Cost Policy and Rate Negotiation Section, with copies to the current EPA Contracting Officers of active contracts, a cost impact statement showing the effect of the indirect cost rate changes for each contract. This statement shall compare the cost billed to the cost the Contractor proposes to bill.

(2) For prospective indirect cost rate adjustments only, the Contractor shall notify the current EPA Contracting Officers of the new proposed rates when it proposes rates to the Cost Policy and Rate Negotiation Section.

(3) For either prospective or retroactive indirect cost rate adjustments, the Contractor shall provide the Cost Policy and Rate Negotiation Section with the names of the current EPA Contracting Officers for the affected contracts.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) above, ceilings are hereby established on indirect costs reimbursable under this contract. The Government shall not be obligated to pay the Contractor any additional amount on account of indirect costs in excess of the ceiling rates listed below:

Cost Center	
Period	N/A
Rate	
Base	

The ceiling rates specified above are applicable from the effective date of the contract through the end of the period of performance including any option periods.

G.9 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVES (EP 52.242-100) (AUG 1984)

Project Officer(s) for this contract:

Project Officer:

MICHAEL H. BIRCH
COLLEGE STATION RD
ATHENS, GA 30613

Phone Number: 706-

Alternate Project Officer:

LINDA P. KIDD
COLLEGE STATION RD
ATHENS, GA 30613

Contract Specialist(s) responsible for administering this contract:

Administrative Contracting Officer:

LARRY D. LARUE
COLLEGE STATION RD
ATHENS, GA 30613

Phone Number: 706-355-8512

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Administrative Contracting Specialist:

BARBARA H. STEARRETT
1200 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20460

G.10 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTING OFFICER (EP 52.242-105) (MAR 1990)

(a) A Financial Administrative Contracting Officer (FACO), normally located in the Cost Policy/Rate Negotiation Branch, Cost Advisory and Financial Analysis Division, shall be responsible for performing certain post-award functions related to the financial aspects of this contract. These functions include the following duties:

- (1) Review the contractor's compensation structure and insurance plan.
- (2) Negotiate advance agreements applicable to treatment of costs and to Independent Research & Development/Bid and Proposal costs.
- (3) Negotiate changes to interim billing rates and establish final

indirect cost rates and billing rates.

- (4) Prepare findings of fact and issue decisions related to financial matters under the Disputes clause.
 - (5) In connection with Cost Accounting Standards,
 - (A) Determine the adequacy of the contractor's disclosure statements;
 - (B) Determine whether the disclosure statements are in compliance with Cost Accounting Standards and FAR Part 31;
 - (C) Determine the contractor's compliance with Cost Accounting Standards and disclosure statements, if applicable; and
 - (D) Negotiate price adjustments and execute supplemental agreements under the Cost Accounting Standards clauses at FAR 52.230-3, 52.230-4, and 52.230-5.
 - (6) Review, approve or disapprove, and maintain surveillance of the contractor's purchasing system.
 - (7) Perform surveillance, resolve issues, and establish any necessary agreements related to the contractor's cost/schedule control system, including travel policies/procedures, allocation and cost charging methodology, timekeeping and labor distribution policies and procedures, subcontract payment practices, matters concerning relationships between the contractor and its affiliates and subsidiaries, and consistency between bid and accounting classifications.
 - (8) Review, resolve issues, and establish any necessary agreements related to the contractor's estimating system.
- (b) The FACO shall consult with the Contracting Officer whenever necessary or appropriate and shall forward a copy of all agreements/decisions to the Contracting Officer upon execution.

(c) The FACO for this contract is:

Ms. Cassandra Bain
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 PTOD, Cost & Rate Negotiation Service Center (3802R)
 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
 Washington, DC 20460

Phone: 202-564-4416

G.11 ANNUAL ALLOCATION OF NON-SITE COSTS (EP 52.242-310) (OCT 1991)

(a) The contractor shall submit an allocation report annually on a Federal fiscal year (FY) basis. The purpose of this report is to allocate all payments made by EPA to the contractor for non-site-specific activities to the sites worked on by the contractor during the FY. Examples of non-site-specific activities include program management, contract fees (base,

fixed, and award), and other tasks given to the contractor for non-site-specific work.

(b) Within 90 days after the end of each FY, EPA will provide the contractor the total amount of all invoices for the annual allocation period. The contractor shall submit two draft copies of the Annual Allocation Report to EPA within 60 days after receipt of the invoice amounts. The paragraph below titled, "Annual Allocation Report", lists the required submissions for the Annual Allocation Report. Attachment 7 to the contract, titled, "Instructions for Performing the Annual Allocation of Non-Site-Specific Costs" provides a detailed explanation of each schedule type and steps for completing each schedule.

(c) The Superfund Accounting Branch of the Financial Management Division (FMD) will review the draft report and notify the contractor in writing of any corrections required for the final report. Two copies of the final report incorporating all of the necessary corrections are due 30 days after receipt of this notice. The final report shall also include a signed statement certifying that the data provided to EPA is supported by the contractor's accounting records. NOTE: These allocations represent changes to EPA's accounting system. No changes should be made to the contractor's accounting system.

(d) In addition to the two copies of the final reports, the contractor shall also submit the Summary of Allocation report on a 5 1/4" or 3 1/2" DOS computer disk in a Lotus 1-2-3 or ASCII format. The reports shall be sent to:

Chief, Superfund Accounting Branch
Environmental Protection Agency
Financial Management Division (3303F)
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(e) When the contract performance period ends at other than the end of the FY, EPA will provide the amount to be allocated 90 days after submission of the last invoice following contract expiration. The time requirements for submission of draft and final reports noted in the paragraphs above will apply.

(f) If the contractor is submitting Annual Allocation Reports on costs incurred during FY 1991 and earlier, the contractor may combine each FY's report into one report. Approval must be granted by the Chief, Superfund Accounting Branch, FMD before the reports can be combined.

Allocation Methodology

Initial Steps:

Before beginning the allocation process, the contractor must perform four tasks:

- 1) Reconcile the paid amounts provided by EPA with contractor records,
- 2) Identify costs charged to sites with SSIDs and without SSIDs,

3) Redistribute costs for sites which initially did not have SSIDs, but which were subsequently assigned an EPA SSID, and

4) Identify which of the non-site activity costs should be allocated to sites:

The contractor shall delineate the amount of non-site- specific costs into the following non-site categories:

Program Management - (National & Regional, if applicable) - Payments made to the contractor for the specific management and administration of the contract as a whole. This includes contract fees except for fees applicable to individual sites.

Site Support Non-Site Activities - payments for activities which relate to, support, and/or benefit the sites worked on by the contractor.

Program Wide Non-Site Activities - payments for activities which support the overall Superfund program beyond the sites worked on under this contract; they are global in nature and purpose. These costs will not be allocated to sites in the annual allocation process.

Capital Equipment - equipment with an individual cost over \$5,000.00 and a useful life of greater than one year.

Start-up Costs - costs incurred generally in the first year and associated with efforts benefiting the entire contract term, e.g., quality assurance plans.

(g) The contractor shall allocate the non-site activity costs to sites, program wide non-site costs, and other appropriations using an allocation method that reflects the causal/beneficial relationship of the non-site costs to site costs. The preferred allocation method is a total cost base. However, with the approval of the Chief, Superfund Accounting Branch, FMD, the contractor may use an alternate methodology.

In addition, special allocations may be required as follows:

- All equipment with a unit value of \$5,000.00 or greater and a useful life of greater than one year shall be depreciated over its useful life and allocated to sites. The allocation of amortized equipment costs should reflect equipment usage on the sites. The preferred depreciation procedure is either a straight-line or actual usage basis. A depreciation schedule shall be maintained and submitted to EPA at contract expiration.
- Start-up costs, if applicable, shall be amortized over the life of the contract.
- Payments made for costs incurred in previous fiscal

years, if material, shall be allocated in a separate report. If the contractor is unsure whether a paid amount is material, the contractor should contact the Chief, Superfund Accounting Branch, FMD.

Annual Allocation Report

Required:

- Summary of Allocation
- Master Allocation Schedule
- Statement of Allocation Methodology
- Listing of all invoices paid during the Federal fiscal year (with invoice numbers and amounts)
- Certification of Contractor Records - (final report only)

Required if applicable:

- Schedule of Start-up Costs
- Schedule of Capital Equipment Depreciation
- Schedule of Non-Site Activities

(h) The contractor should refer to "Instructions for Performing the Annual Allocation of Non-Site-Specific Costs" for a detailed explanation and illustration of the allocation process and methodology. Questions regarding any Annual Allocation requirements should be referred to the Chief, Superfund Accounting Branch, FMD at (202) 260-9268.

G.12 SUBCONTRACT CONSENT (EP 52.244-100) (APR 1984)

The Contractor shall submit the information required by the "Subcontracts," clause to the Contracting Officer and assigned Project Officer. The Contracting Officer will provide written notice to the Contractor of his decision.

Consent is given to issue the following subcontracts:

N/A

G.13 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY (EP 52.245-100) (APR 1998) DEVIATION

(a) The contractor shall not fabricate or acquire, on behalf of the Government, either directly or indirectly through a subcontract, any item of property without written approval from the Contracting Officer.

(b) In accordance with paragraph (a) above, the contractor is authorized to acquire and/or fabricate the equipment listed below for use in the performance of this contract. The equipment is subject to the provisions of the "Government Property" clause.

NONE

See Mod 005

(c) The Government will provide the following item(s) of Government property to the contractor for use in the performance of this contract. This property shall be used and maintained by the contractor in accordance with the provisions of the "Government Property" clause.

See Attachment 3

(d) The Government will provide the Contractor as Government-furnished property (GFP) on a non-interference basis, for use in connection with and under the terms of the contract, the following property on a shared basis. The Contractor is responsible for using, operating and maintaining this equipment.

See Attachment 4

(e) The Government will provide the following items(s) of Government property "As Is" to the contractor for use in the performance of this contract. This property shall be used and maintained by the contractor in accordance with the provisions of this "Government Property" clause and FAR 52.245-19 "Government Property Furnished - As Is."

See Attachment 5

(f) The "EPA Contract Property Administration Requirements," provided below, apply to this contract.

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS (PAR)**

1. PURPOSE. This document sets forth the requirements for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) contractors in the performance of their Government property management responsibilities under contracts with EPA. These requirements supplement those contained in the Government property clause(s) in this contract, and Part 45 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

2. DELEGATION OF CONTRACT PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION. EPA has delegated much of its contract property management oversight to the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA). Shortly after award of a contract, the EPA contracting officer (CO) delegates the functions of property administration and plant clearance (disposal) for the contract to DCMA. Upon acceptance of that delegation, DCMA will provide notification to the contractor, identifying the assigned property administrator (PA) and plant clearance officer (PLCO). If the contract is not delegated to DCMA for administration, any reference to PA and PLCO throughout this document shall be construed to mean CO. The DCMA PA is available to the contractor for assistance in all matters of property administration. Notwithstanding the delegation, as necessary, the contractor may contact their EPA CO. In the event of disagreement between the contractor and the DCMA PA, the contractor should seek resolution from the CO.

Unless otherwise directed in the contract, or this document, all originals of written information or reports, except direct correspondence between the contractor and the DCMA PA, relative to Government property, should be forwarded to the administrative CO assigned to this contract.

3. REQUESTS FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

- a. In accordance with FAR 45.102, the contractor shall furnish all property required for performing Government contracts. If a contractor believes that Government facilities are required for performance of the contract, the contractor shall submit a written request to the CO. At a minimum the request shall contain the following elements:
 1. Contract number for which the facilities are required.
 2. An item(s) description, quantity and estimated cost.
 3. Certification that no like contractor facilities exist which could be utilized.
 4. A detailed description of the task-related purpose of the facilities.
 5. Explanation of negative impact if facilities are not provided by the Government.
 6. If applicable, recommend the exception under FAR 45.302-1(a) or EPA's class deviation (available upon request), and provide any other information which would support the furnishing of facilities, including contractor-acquired property (CAP).
 7. Except when the request is for material, a lease versus purchase analysis shall be furnished with the request to acquire property on behalf of the Government.

The contractor may not proceed with acquisition on behalf of the Government until receipt of written authorization from the EPA CO.

4. TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. When the contractor receives Government-furnished property (GFP), the contractor should receive, from the transferor, (either EPA or another contractor) all of the applicable data elements (Attachment 1 of this clause) needed to maintain the required records. If this information is not provided at the time of receipt of the property, the contractor shall request it from the EPA CO. The CO will attempt to obtain the data from the previous property holder, or, if data does not exist, will assist the current property holder in estimating the elements. Prior to signing an acceptance document for the property, the receiving contractor should perform a complete inventory of the property. Responsibility, as well as accountability, passes with the signed acceptance.

When, at the written direction of the EPA CO, the contractor transfers GFP to another contractor, or another Agency, the contractor shall provide the applicable data elements (Attachment 1 of this clause). Upon return of the property to EPA, the same data must be provided, by the contractor, to the EPA CO.

5. RECORDS OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

- a. In accordance with FAR 45.505 and 45.505-1, the contractor shall

establish and maintain adequate property records for all Government property, regardless of value, including property provided to and in the possession of a subcontractor. Material (supplies) provided by the Government or acquired by the contractor and billed as a direct charge to the Government is Government property and records must be established as such.

- b. The contractor shall establish and maintain the official Government property record. (If the contract contains the FAR Clause 52.245-1, the Government will maintain the official Government property records.) Such records shall contain the applicable data elements (Attachment 1 of this clause) for all items of Government property regardless of cost.
- c. The Contractor shall identify all Superfund property and designate it as such both on the item and on the official Government property record. If it is not practicable to tag the item, the contractor shall write the ID number on a tag, card or other entity that may be kept with the item or in a file.
- d. Support documentation used for posting entries to the property record shall provide complete, current and auditable data. Entries shall be posted to the record in a timely manner following an action.
- e. For Government vehicles, in addition to the data elements required by EPA, the contractor shall also comply with the General Services Administration (GSA) and Department of Energy (DOE) record and report requirements supplied with all EPA provided motor vehicles. If the above requirements were not provided with the vehicle, the contractor shall notify the EPA CO.
- f. When Government property is disclosed to be in the possession or control of the contractor but not provided under any contract, the contractor shall record and report the property in accordance with FAR 45.502(f) and (h).

6. **INVENTORIES OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.** The Contractor shall conduct a complete physical inventory of EPA property at least once per year, unless otherwise directed by the PA. Reconciliation shall be completed within 30 calendar days of inventory completion. The contractor shall report the results of the inventory, including any discrepancies, to the DCMA PA upon completion of the reconciliation. The contractor's records shall indicate the completion date of the inventory.

See Section 9 herein, Contract Closeout, for information on final inventories.

7. **REPORTS OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.** In accordance with FAR 45.505-14, EPA requires an annual summary report, for each contract, by contract number, of Government property in the contractor's possession as of September 30 each year.

- a. For each classification listed in FAR 45.505-14(a), except material, the contractor shall provide the total acquisition cost and total quantity. If there are zero items in a classification, or if there is an ending balance of zero, the classification must

be listed with zeros in the quantity and acquisition cost columns.

- b. For material, the contractor shall provide the total acquisition cost only.
- c. Property classified as facilities, special tooling, special test equipment, and agency peculiar must be reported on two separate lines. The first line shall include the total acquisition cost and quantity of all items or systems with a unit acquisition cost of \$25,000 or more. The second line shall include the total acquisition cost and quantity of all items with a unit acquisition cost of less than \$25,000.
- d. For items comprising a system, which is defined as "a group of interacting items functioning as a complex whole," the contractor may maintain the record as a system noting all components of the system under the main component or maintain individual records for each item. However, for the annual report of Government property the components must be reported as a **system** with one total dollar amount for the system, if that system total is \$25,000 or more.
- e. The reports are to be **received** at EPA and DCMA no later than October 31 of each year.
- f. Distribution shall be as follows:

Original to:	EPA CO
1 copy:	DCMA PA
- g. EPA Contractors are required to comply with GSA's and DOE's special reporting requirements for motor vehicles. A statement of these requirements will be provided by the EPA Facility Management and Services Division (FMSD) concurrent with receipt of each vehicle.
- h. The contractor shall provide detailed reports on an as-needed basis, as may be requested by the CO or the PA.

8. DISPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. The disposition process is composed of three distinct phases: identification of excess property, reporting of excess property, and final disposition.

- a. Identification of Excess Property. The disposition process begins with the **contractor** identifying Government property that is excess to its contract. **Effective contractor property control systems provide for disclosing excesses as they occur.** Once inactive Government property has been determined to be excess to the contract to which it is accountable, it must be screened against the contractor's other EPA contracts for further use. If the property may be reutilized, the contractor shall notify the CO, in writing. Government property will be transferred to other contracts only when the COs on both the current contract and the receiving contract authorize such a transfer in writing.

- b. Reporting Excess Government Property. Excess Government property shall be reported in accordance with FAR Subpart 45.6. Inventory schedules A-E (SF Forms 1426 - 1434) provide the format for reporting of excess Government property. Instructions for completing the forms are located at FAR 45.606-5 and samples may be found in FAR 53.301-1426 thru 1434. Inventory schedules shall be forwarded to the DCMA PLCO with a copy to the EPA CO. The cover letter, which accompanies the inventory schedules, must include the EPA CO's name, address and telephone number. Inventory schedules must also contain a notification if the property is Superfund property. If the property is Superfund property, the contractor must also prominently include the following language on the inventory schedule: **"NOTE TO PLCO: Reimbursement to the EPA Superfund is required."** When requested, by the PLCO or the CO, the contractor will provide the fair market value for those items requested.
- c. Disposition Instructions.
1. If directed in writing by the EPA CO, the contractor will retain all or part of the excess Government property under the current contract for possible future requirements. The contractor shall request, from the PLCO, withdrawal from the inventory schedule of those items to be retained.
 2. If directed in writing by the EPA CO, the contractor shall transfer the property to another EPA contractor. The contractor will transfer the property by shipping it in accordance with the instructions provided by the CO. The contractor shall request, from the PLCO, withdrawal from the inventory schedule of those items to be transferred. Further, the contractor shall notify the CO when the transfer is complete.
 3. If directed in writing by the EPA CO, the contractor shall transfer the property to EPA. The contractor shall ship/deliver the property in accordance with the instructions provided by the CO. The contractor will request, from the PLCO, withdrawal from the inventory schedule of those items to be transferred to EPA. Further, the contractor shall notify the CO when the transfer is complete.
 4. The contractor will ship the property elsewhere if directed, in writing, by the PLCO.
 5. The PLCO will either conduct the sale or instruct the contractor to conduct a sale of surplus property. The contractor will allow prospective bidders access to property offered for sale.
 6. Property abandoned by the PLCO on the contractor's site must be disposed of in a manner that does not endanger the health and safety of the public.
 7. To effect transfer of accountability, the contractor shall provide the recipient of the property with the applicable data elements set forth in Attachment 1 of this clause. The contractor

shall also obtain either a signed receipt from the recipient, or proof of shipment. The contractor shall update the official Government property record to indicate the disposition of the item and to close the record.

9. CONTRACT CLOSEOUT. The contractor shall complete a physical inventory of all Government property at contract completion and the results, including any discrepancies, shall be reported to the DCMA PA. In the case of a terminated contract, the contractor shall comply with the inventory requirements set forth in the applicable termination clause. The results of the inventory, as well as a detailed inventory listing, must be forwarded to the CO. For terminated contracts, the contractor will conduct and report the inventory results as directed by the CO.

However, in order to expedite the disposal process, contractors may be required to, or may elect to submit to the CO, an inventory schedule for disposal purposes up to six (6) months prior to contract completion. If such an inventory schedule is prepared, the contractor must indicate the earliest date that each item may be disposed.

The contractor shall update all property records to show disposal action. The contractor shall notify the DCMA PA, in writing, when all work has been completed under the contract and all Government property accountable to the contract has been disposed.

Attachment 1 to EP 52.245-100 (APR 1998) DEV

REQUIRED DATA ELEMENTS. Where applicable (all elements are not applicable to material) the contractor is required to maintain, at a minimum, the information related to the following data elements for EPA Government property:

- Contractor Identification/Tag Number
- Description
- Manufacturer
- Model
- Serial Number
- Acquisition Date
- Date received
- Acquisition Cost *
- Acquisition Document Number
- Location
- Contract Number
- Account Number (if supplied)
- Superfund (Yes/No)
- Inventory Performance Date
- Disposition Date

* Acquisition cost shall include the price of the item plus all taxes, transportation and installation charges allocable to that item.

NOTE: For items comprising a system which is defined as, "a group of interacting items functioning as a complex whole," the contractor may maintain the record as a system noting all components of the system under the main

component or maintain individual records for each item. However, for the Annual Report of Government Property the components must be reported as a **system** with one total dollar amount for the system, if that system total is \$25,000 or more.

(9) See Model.

G.14 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY--RESIDUAL INVENTORY (EP 52.245-110) (APR 1984)

The Contractor is authorized to use in the performance of this contract the residual inventory presently accountable to Contract No. 68-D6-0004.

G.15 DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY ADMINISTRATOR (EP 52.245-140) (SEP 1994)

The contract property administrator

Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)

is the Contracting Officer's designated representative on property matters. The Contractor shall furnish all required information on property to the property administrator.

G.16 ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, SERVICE, AND/OR SPACE

1. A portion of the effort required to be accomplished under this contract must be performed at a Government facility. The Contractor shall be granted ingress and egress at such Government facility.
2. While Contractor personnel are at the Government facility, the Contractor is responsible for compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations governing conduct with respect to health and safety as they relate not only to their employees and agents, but also to other personnel who are Government employees or agents of the Government, and to property at the site regardless of ownership.
3. When the Contractor's team arrives at the Government facility, the team leader will make detailed arrangements with the Project Officer for access to and availability of the property, services, and space as listed hereafter.
4. While on Government premises and in possession of Government property, the Contractor is considered to be a bailee for hire, and subject to all duties thereof.
5. The Government property, services, and/or space as listed hereafter to which the Contractor shall have access under this clause shall be made available at the Government facility. In the event the property to which the Contractor is to have access is not made available as scheduled, the Contracting Officer shall, upon timely written request made by the Contractor, make a determination of the delay, if any, occasioned the Contractor thereby and shall equitably adjust the delivery or performance dates of the Contract and any other contractual provisions affected by any such delay, in accordance

with the procedures provided for in the clause of the contract entitled
"Changes."

LOCATION: See Attachment 6

PROPERTY: Attachment 3, 4 and 5

SPACE: Attachment 6

SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**H.1 PRINTING (EPAAR 1552.208-70) (DEC 1993)****(a) Definitions.**

"Printing" is the process of composition, platemaking, presswork, binding, and microform; or the end items produced by such processes and equipment.

"Composition" applies to the setting of type by hot-metal casting, photo typesetting, or electronic character generating devices for the purpose of producing camera copy, negatives, a plate or image to be used in the production of printing or microform.

"Camera copy" (or "camera-ready copy") is a final document suitable for printing/duplication.

"Desktop Publishing" is a method of composition using computers with the final output or generation of camera copy done by a laser printer. This is not considered "printing." However, if the output from desktop publishing is being sent to a typesetting device (i.e., Linotronic) with camera copy being produced in either paper or negative format, these services are considered "printing".

"Microform" is any product produced in a miniaturized image format, for mass or general distribution and as a substitute for conventionally printed material. Microform services are classified as printing services and includes microfiche and microfilm. The contractor may make up to two sets of microform files for archival purposes at the end of the contract period of performance.

"Duplication" means the making of one-color (black) copies on photocopy machines employing electrostatic, thermal, or other processes without using an intermediary such as a negative or plate.

"Requirement" means an individual photocopying task. (There may be multiple requirements under a Work Assignment or Delivery Order. Each requirement would be subject to the photocopying limitation of 5,000 copies of one page or 25,000 copies of multiple pages in the aggregate per requirement.)

(b) Prohibition.

The Contractor shall not engage in, nor subcontract for, any printing or multi-color duplication in connection with the performance of work under this contract. Duplication of more than 5,000 copies of one page or more than 25,000 copies of multiple pages in the aggregate per requirement constitutes printing.

(c) Affirmative Requirements.

(1) Unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall use double-sided copying to produce any progress report, draft report or final report.

(2) Unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall use recycled paper for reports delivered to the Agency which meet the minimum content standards for paper and paper products as set forth in EPA Procurement Guidelines (40 CFR 250, June 22, 1988).

(d) Permitted Contractor Activities.

(1) The prohibitions contained in paragraph (b) do not preclude writing, editing, or preparing manuscript copy, or preparing related illustrative material to a final document (camera-ready copy) using desktop publishing.

(2) The Contractor may perform a requirement involving the duplication of less than 5,000 copies of only one page, or less than 25,000 copies of multiple pages in the aggregate using one color (black), such pages not exceeding the maximum image size of 10 3/4 by 14 1/4 inches. Duplication services below these thresholds are not considered printing. If performance of the contract will require duplication in excess of these limits, contractors must immediately notify the Contracting Officer in writing. EPA may then seek a waiver from the Joint Committee on Printing, U.S. Congress.

(e) Violations.

The Contractor may not engage in, nor subcontract for, any printing in connection with the performance of work under the contract. The cost of any printing services in violation of this clause will be disallowed, or not accepted by the Government.

(f) Flowdown Provision.

The Contractor shall include in each subcontract which may involve a requirement for any printing/duplicating/copying a provision substantially the same as this clause.

H.2 ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (EPAAR 1552.209-71) (MAY 1994)

(a) The Contractor warrants that, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge and belief, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest, as defined in FAR Subpart 9.5, or that the Contractor has disclosed all such relevant information.

(b) Prior to commencement of any work, the Contractor agrees to notify the Contracting Officer immediately that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no actual or potential conflict of interest exists or to identify to the Contracting Officer any actual or potential conflict of interest the firm may have. In emergency situations, however, work may begin but notification shall be made within five (5) working days.

(c) The Contractor agrees that if an actual or potential organizational conflict of interest is identified during performance, the Contractor will immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the Contracting Officer. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the Contractor has taken or proposes to take, after consultation with the Contracting Officer, to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict of interest. The Contractor shall continue performance until notified by the Contracting Officer of any contrary action to be taken.

(d) Remedies - The EPA may terminate this contract for convenience, in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to avoid an organizational conflict of interest. If the Contractor was aware of a potential organizational conflict of interest prior to award or discovered an actual or potential conflict after award and did not disclose it or misrepresented relevant information to the Contracting Officer, the Government may terminate the contract for default, debar the Contractor from Government contracting, or pursue such other remedies as may be permitted by law or this contract.

(e) The Contractor agrees to insert in each subcontract or consultant agreement placed hereunder, except for subcontracts or consultant agreements for well drilling, fence erecting, plumbing, utility hookups, security guard services, or electrical services, provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including this paragraph (e), unless otherwise authorized by the Contracting Officer.

H.3 NOTIFICATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST REGARDING PERSONNEL (EPAAR 1552.209-73) (MAY 1994)

(a) In addition to the requirements of the contract clause entitled "Organizational Conflicts of Interest," the following provisions with regard to employee personnel performing under this contract shall apply until the earlier of the following two dates: the termination date of the affected employee(s) or the expiration date of the contract.

(b) The Contractor agrees to notify immediately the EPA Project Officer and the Contracting Officer of (1) any actual or potential personal conflict of interest with regard to any of its employees working on or having access to information regarding this contract, or (2) any such conflicts concerning subcontractor employees or consultants working on or having access to information regarding this contract, when such conflicts have been reported to the Contractor. A personal conflict of interest is defined as a relationship of an employee, subcontractor employee, or consultant with an entity that may impair the objectivity of the employee, subcontractor employee, or consultant in performing the contract work.

(c) The Contractor agrees to notify each Project Officer and Contracting Officer prior to incurring costs for that employee's work when an employee may have a personal conflict of interest. In the event that the personal conflict of interest does not become known until after performance on the contract begins, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer of the personal conflict of interest. The Contractor shall continue performance of this contract until notified by the Contracting Officer of the appropriate action to be taken.

(d) The Contractor agrees to insert in any subcontract or consultant agreement placed hereunder, except for subcontracts or consultant agreements for well drilling, fence erecting, plumbing, utility hookups, security guard services, or electrical services, provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including this paragraph (d), unless otherwise authorized by the Contracting Officer.

H.4 LIMITATION OF FUTURE CONTRACTING (ESAT) (EPAAR 1552.209-74) (MAR 1997) ALTERNATE III (MAR 1997) DEVIATION

(a) The parties to this contract agree that the Contractor will be restricted in its future contracting in the manner described below. Except as specifically provided in this clause, the Contractor shall be free to compete for contracts on an equal basis with other companies.

(b) If the Contractor, under the terms of this contract, or through the performance of work pursuant to this contract, is required to develop specifications or statements of work and such specifications or statements of work are incorporated into an EPA solicitation, the Contractor shall be ineligible to perform the work described in that solicitation as a prime Contractor or subcontractor under an ensuing EPA contract.

(c) Unless prior written approval is obtained from the cognizant Contracting Officer, the Contractor during the life of this contract agrees it shall not enter into a contract with any firm that has a Contract Laboratory Program (CLP) contract or that has a significant relationship with a CLP contractor. Likewise, unless prior written approval is obtained from the cognizant Contracting Officer, the Contractor during the life of this contract agrees it shall not enter into a contract with any firm that has a Region 4 analytical support contract or has a significant relationship with a contractor providing analytical support to Region 4.

(d) To the extent that the work under this contract requires access to proprietary or confidential business or financial data of other companies, and as long as such data remains proprietary or confidential, the Contractor shall protect such data from unauthorized use and disclosure.

(e) The Contractor agrees to insert in each subcontract or consultant agreement placed hereunder, except for subcontracts or consultant agreements for nondiscretionary technical or engineering services, including treatability studies, well drilling, fence erecting, plumbing, utility hookups, security guard services, or electrical services, provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including this paragraph (e), unless otherwise authorized by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor may request in writing that the Contracting Officer exempt from this clause a particular subcontract or consultant agreement for nondiscretionary technical or engineering services not specifically listed above, including laboratory analysis. The Contracting Officer will review and evaluate each request on a case-by-case basis before approving or disapproving the request.

(f) If the Contractor seeks an expedited decision regarding its initial future contracting request, the Contractor may submit its request to both the Contracting Officer and the next administrative level within the Contracting Officer's organization.

(g) A review process available to the Contractor when an adverse determination is received shall consist of a request for reconsideration to the Contracting Officer or a request for review submitted to the next administrative level within the Contracting Officer's organization. An adverse determination resulting from a request for reconsideration by the Contracting Officer will not preclude the Contractor from requesting a review by the next administrative level. Either a request for review or a request for reconsideration must be submitted to the appropriate level within 30 calendar days after receipt of the initial adverse determination.

H.5 CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (EPAAR 1552.209-76) (MAY 1999)

The contracting officer shall complete a Contractor Performance Report (Report) within ninety (90) business days after the end of each 12 months of contract performance (interim Report) or after the last 12 months (or less) of contract performance (final Report) in accordance with EPAAR 1509.170-5. The contractor shall be evaluated based on the following ratings and performance categories:

Ratings: 0 = unsatisfactory,
 1 = poor,
 2 = fair,
 3 = good,
 4 = excellent,
 5 = outstanding.

Performance Categories:

Quality: Compliance with contract requirements; accuracy of reports; effectiveness of personnel; and technical excellence.

Rating

- 0--Contractor is not in compliance and is jeopardizing achievement of contract objectives
- 1--Major problems have been encountered
- 2--Some problems have been encountered
- 3--Minor inefficiencies/errors have been identified
- 4--Contractor is in compliance with contract requirements and/or delivers quality products/services
- 5--The contractor has demonstrated an outstanding performance level that justifies adding a point to the score. It is expected that this rating will be used in those circumstances when contractor performance clearly exceeds the performance level described as "Excellent."

Cost Control: Record of forecasting and controlling target costs; current, accurate and complete billings; relationship of negotiated costs to actuals; cost efficiencies.

Rating

- 0--Contractor is unable to manage costs effectively
- 1--Contractor is having major difficulty managing costs effectively
- 2--Contractor is having some problems managing costs effectively
- 3--Contractor is usually effective in managing costs
- 4--Contractor is effective in managing costs and submits current, accurate, and complete billings
- 5--The contractor has demonstrated an outstanding performance level that justifies adding a point to the score. It is expected that this rating will be used in those circumstances when contractor performance clearly exceeds the performance level described as "Excellent."

Timeliness of Performance: Met interim milestones; reliability; responsive to technical direction; completed on time, including wrap-up and contract administration; met delivery schedules; no liquidated damages assessed.

Rating

- 0--Contractor delays are jeopardizing performance of contract objectives
- 1--Contractor is having major difficulty meeting milestones and delivery schedule
- 2--Contractor is having some problems meeting milestones and delivery schedule
- 3--Contractor is usually effective in meeting milestones and delivery schedule
- 4--Contractor is effective in meeting milestones and delivery schedule
- 5--The contractor has demonstrated an outstanding performance level that justifies adding a point to the score. It is expected that this rating will be used in those circumstances when contractor performance clearly exceeds the performance level described as "Excellent."

Business Relations: Effective management, including subcontracts; reasonable/cooperative behavior; responsive to contract requirements; notification of problems; flexibility; pro-active versus reactive; effective small/small disadvantage business subcontracting program.

Rating

- 0--Response to inquiries, technical/service/administrative issues is not effective
- 1--Response to inquiries, technical/service/administrative issues is marginally effective
- 2--Response to inquiries, technical/service/administrative issues is somewhat effective
- 3--Response to inquiries, technical/service/administrative issues is usually effective
- 4--Response to inquiries, technical/service/administrative issues is effective
- 5--The contractor has demonstrated an outstanding performance level that justifies adding a point to the score. It is expected that this rating will be used in those circumstances when contractor performance clearly exceeds the performance level described as "Excellent."

(a) The contracting officer shall initiate the process for completing interim Reports within five (5) business days after the end of each 12 months of contract performance by requesting the project officer to evaluate contractor performance for the interim Report. In addition, the contracting officer shall initiate the process for completing final Reports within five (5) business days after the last 12 months (or less) of contract performance by requesting the project officer to evaluate contractor performance for the final Report. The final Report shall cover the last 12 months (or less) of contract performance. Within thirty (30) business days after the project officer receives a request from the contracting officer to complete an evaluation, the project officer shall:

- (1) Complete a description of the contract requirements;
- (2) Evaluate contractor performance and assign a rating for quality, cost control, and timeliness of performance categories (including a narrative for each rating);

(3) Provide any information regarding subcontracts, key personnel, and customer satisfaction;

(4) Assign a recommended rating for the business relations performance category (including a narrative for the rating); and

(5) Provide additional information appropriate for the evaluation or future evaluations.

(b) The contracting officer shall:

(1) Ensure the accuracy of the project officer's evaluation by verifying that the information in the contract file corresponds with the designated project officer's ratings;

(2) Assign a rating for the business relations performance category (including a narrative for the rating);

(3) Concur with or revise the project officer's ratings after consultation with the project officer;

(4) Provide any additional information concerning the quality, cost control, and timeliness of performance categories if deemed appropriate for the evaluation or future evaluations (if any), and provide any information regarding subcontracts, key personnel, and customer satisfaction; and

(5) Forward the Report to the contractor within ten (10) business days after the contracting officer receives the project officer's evaluation.

(c) The contractor shall be granted thirty (30) business days from the date of the contractor's receipt of the Report to review and provide a response to the contracting officer regarding the contents of the Report. The contractor shall:

(1) Review the Report;

(2) Provide a response (if any) to the contracting officer on company letter head or electronically;

(3) Complete contractor representation information; and

(4) Forward the Report to the contracting officer within the designated thirty (30) business days.

(d) The contractor's response to the Report may include written comments, rebuttals (disagreements), or additional information. If the contractor does not respond to the Report within the designated thirty (30) business days, the specified ratings in the Report are deemed appropriate for the evaluation period. In this instance, the contracting officer shall complete the Agency review and sign the Report within three (3) business days after expiration of the specified 30 business days.

(e) If the contractor submits comments, rebuttals (disagreements), or additional information to the contracting officer which contests the ratings, the contracting officer, in consultation with the project officer, shall initially try to resolve the disagreement(s) with the contractor.

(f) If the disagreement(s) is (are) not resolved between the contractor and the contracting officer, the contracting officer shall provide a written recommendation to one level above the contracting officer for resolution as promptly as possible, but no later than five (5) business days after the contracting officer is made aware that the disagreement(s) has (have) not been resolved with the contractor. The individual who is one level above the contracting officer shall:

(1) Review the contracting officer's written recommendation; and

(2) Provide a written determination to the contracting officer for summary ratings (ultimate conclusion for ratings pertaining to the performance period being evaluated) within five (5) business days after the individual one level above the contracting officer receives the contracting officer's written recommendation.

(g) If the disagreement is resolved, the contracting officer shall complete the Agency review and sign the Report within three (3) business days after consultation.

(h) The contracting officer shall complete the Agency review and sign the Report within three (3) business days after the contracting officer receives a written determination for summary ratings from one level above the contracting officer.

(i) An interim or final Report is considered completed after the contracting officer signs the Report. The contracting officer must provide a copy of completed Reports (interim and final) to the contractor within two (2) business days after completion.

H.6 CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL CLEARANCE

At least five (5) days before contract performance begins, the successful contractor under this RFP/IFB shall submit a completed statement of Personal History (GSA FORM 176) and signed police records release forms to the Contracting Officer for each individual who shall require access to restricted areas of the EPA IBM mainframe system for contract performance. Blank forms will be provided by the Contracting Officer at the time of contract award. Upon receipt of the completed forms, the Contracting Officer shall immediately initiate clearance procedures to determine the security eligibility for each individual to permit access to restricted areas of the EPA IBM mainframe.

In no event will an individual be permitted access to the restricted areas of the EPA IBM mainframe prior to the completion and submission of a Statement of Personal History (GSA Form 176) and police records release authorization forms. If for any reason a full security clearance cannot be granted by the Contracting Officer prior to the date the performance is to begin, an interim security clearance, not to exceed 10 days, may be issued by the Contracting Officer pending final clearance determination.

The disclosure of a criminal conviction, falsifications or deceptive statements on the GSA Form 176 may be cause for denial of access to the restricted areas of the EPA IBM mainframe for the purpose of contract performance.

A succeeding contractor will not be required to submit a Statement of

Personal History (GSA Form 176) or police records release authorization forms for individuals hired from the preceding contractor provided such individuals have been hired within the last two years and will be performing essentially the same work in continuity and in the same restricted areas of the EPA IBM mainframe as in the predecessor contract.

H.7 UTILIZATION OF RURAL AREA SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS (EP 52.219-110) (APR 1990)

(a) (1) "Rural area small business concern," as used in this clause, means a small business concern that is located and conducts its principal operations in a rural geographic area (county or parish) listed in the Small Business Administration's Listing of Non-Metropolitan Rural Counties by State.

(2) "Small business concern," as used in this clause, means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria and size standard in 13 CFR 121.

(b) It is the policy of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that rural area small business concerns shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in performing contracts awarded by EPA.

(c) The contractor shall use its best efforts to give rural area small business concerns the opportunity to participate in the subcontracts it awards to the fullest extent consistent with efficient performance of this contract.

(d) The contractor shall incorporate the substance of this clause in any subcontract that may provide for additional subcontracting opportunities.

H.8 UTILIZATION OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (EP 52.219-115) (JUL 1991)

(a) It is the Policy of the Environmental Protection Agency that historically black colleges and universities shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in performing contracts awarded by the Agency.

(b) The Contractor shall use its best efforts to give historically black colleges and universities the opportunity to participate in any subcontracts awarded to the fullest extent consistent with efficient performance of this contract.

(c) The contractor shall incorporate the substance of this clause in any subcontract which may provide for additional subcontracting opportunities.

H.9 PROJECT EMPLOYEE CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT (EPAAR 1552.227-76) (MAY 1994)

(a) The Contractor recognizes that Contractor employees in performing this contract may have access to data, either provided by the Government or first generated during contract performance, of a sensitive nature which should not be released to the public without Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

approval. Therefore, the Contractor agrees to obtain confidentiality agreements from all of its employees working on requirements under this contract.

(b) Such agreements shall contain provisions which stipulate that each employee agrees that the employee will not disclose, either in whole or in part, to any entity external to EPA, the Department of Justice, or the Contractor, any information or data (as defined in FAR Section 27.401) provided by the Government or first generated by the Contractor under this contract, any site-specific cost information, or any enforcement strategy without first obtaining the written permission of the EPA Contracting Officer. If a contractor, through an employee or otherwise, is subpoenaed to testify or produce documents, which could result in such disclosure, the Contractor must provide immediate advance notification to the EPA so that the EPA can authorize such disclosure or have the opportunity to take action to prevent such disclosure. Such agreements shall be effective for the life of the contract and for a period of five (5) years after completion of the contract.

(c) The EPA may terminate this contract for convenience, in whole or in part, if it deems such termination necessary to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of information to outside entities. If such a disclosure occurs without the written permission of the EPA Contracting Officer, the Government may terminate the contract, for default or convenience, or pursue other remedies as may be permitted by law or this contract.

(d) The Contractor further agrees to insert in any subcontract or consultant agreement placed hereunder, except for subcontracts or consultant agreements for well drilling, fence erecting, plumbing, utility hookups, security guard services, or electrical services, provisions which shall conform substantially to the language of this clause, including this paragraph, unless otherwise authorized by the Contracting Officer.

H.10 INSURANCE COVERAGE (EP 52.228-100) (JUL 1993)

As provided in paragraph (a)(1) of EP 52.228-110, "Insurance-- Liability to Third Persons", the Contractor shall maintain the minimum amounts of liability insurance coverage set forth in FAR 28.307-2, unless otherwise required by the Contracting Officer.

H.11 INSURANCE--LIABILITY TO THIRD PERSONS (EP 52.228-110) (JUN 1993)

(a) (1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2) immediately following, the Contractor shall provide and maintain workers' compensation, employer's liability, comprehensive general liability (bodily injury), comprehensive automobile liability (bodily injury and property damage) insurance, and such other insurance as the Contracting Officer may require under this contract.

(2) The Contractor may, with the approval of the Contracting Officer, maintain a self-insurance program; provided that, with respect to workers' compensation, the Contractor is qualified pursuant to statutory authority.

(3) All insurance required by this paragraph shall be in a form and amount and for those periods as the Contracting Officer may require or approve and with insurers approved by the Contracting Officer.

(b) The Contractor agrees to submit for the Contracting Officer's approval,

to the extent and in the manner required by the Contracting Officer, any other insurance that is maintained by the Contractor in connection with the performance of this contract and for which the Contractor seeks reimbursement.

(c) The Contractor shall be reimbursed for that portion of the reasonable cost of insurance allocable to this contract, and required or approved under this clause in accordance with its established cost accounting practices.

H.12 STATE AND LOCAL TAXES (EPAAR 1552.229-70) (NOV 1989)

In accordance with FAR 29.303 and FAR 31.205-41, the Contractor or any subcontractor under this contract shall not be reimbursed for payment of any State and local taxes for which an exemption is available. The Contractor is responsible for determining the availability of State and local tax exemptions and obtaining such exemptions, if available. The Contractor shall include this clause, suitably modified to identify the parties, in all subcontracts at any tier. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer if problems arise in obtaining a State and local tax exemption. The contractor may seek a waiver by the Contracting Officer from this requirement if the administrative burden of seeking an exemption appears to outweigh the potential savings to the Government.

H.13 SCREENING BUSINESS INFORMATION FOR CLAIMS OF CONFIDENTIALITY (EPAAR 1552.235-70) (APR 1984)

(a) Whenever collecting information under this contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with the following requirements:

(1) If the Contractor collects information from public sources, such as books, reports, journals, periodicals, public records, or other sources that are available to the public without restriction, the Contractor shall submit a list of these sources to the appropriate program office at the time the information is initially submitted to EPA. The Contractor shall identify the information according to source.

(2) If the Contractor collects information from a State or local Government or from a Federal agency, the Contractor shall submit a list of these sources to the appropriate program office at the time the information is initially submitted to EPA. The Contractor shall identify the information according to source.

(3) If the Contractor collects information directly from a business or from a source that represents a business or businesses, such as a trade association:

(i) Before asking for the information, the Contractor shall identify itself, explain that it is performing contractual work for the Environmental Protection Agency, identify the information that it is seeking to collect, explain what will be done with the information, and give the following notice:

(A) You may, if you desire, assert a business confidentiality claim covering part or all of the information. If you do assert a claim, the information will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and by means of the procedures, set forth in 40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B.

(B) If no such claim is made at the time this information is received by the Contractor, it may be made available to the public by the Environmental Protection Agency without further notice to you.

(C) The Contractor shall, in accordance with FAR Part 9, execute a written agreement regarding the limitations of the use of this information and forward a copy of the agreement to the Contracting Officer.

(ii) Upon receiving the information, the Contractor shall make a written notation that the notice set out above was given to the source, by whom, in what form, and on what date.

(iii) At the time the Contractor initially submits the information to the appropriate program office, the Contractor shall submit a list of these sources, identify the information according to source, and indicate whether the source made any confidentiality claim and the nature and extent of the claim.

(b) The Contractor shall keep all information collected from nonpublic sources confidential in accordance with the clause in this contract entitled "Treatment of Confidential Business Information" as if it had been furnished to the Contractor by EPA.

(c) The Contractor agrees to obtain the written consent of the Contracting Officer, after a written determination by the appropriate program office, prior to entering into any subcontract that will require the subcontractor to collect information. The Contractor agrees to include this clause, including this paragraph (c), and the clause entitled "Treatment of Confidential Business Information" in all subcontracts awarded pursuant to this contract that require the subcontractor to collect information.

H.14 TREATMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (EPAAR 1552.235-71) (APR 1984)

(a) The Contracting Officer, after a written determination by the appropriate program office, may disclose confidential business information (CBI) to the Contractor necessary to carry out the work required under this contract. The Contractor agrees to use the CBI only under the following conditions:

(1) The Contractor and Contractor's employees shall: (i) use the CBI only for the purposes of carrying out the work required by the contract; (ii) not disclose the information to anyone other than properly cleared EPA employees without the prior written approval of the Assistant General Counsel for Contracts and Information Law; and (iii) return to the Contracting Officer all copies of the information, and any abstracts or excerpts therefrom, upon request by the Contracting Officer, whenever the information is no longer required by the Contractor for the performance of the work required by the contract, or upon completion of the contract.

(2) The Contractor shall obtain a written agreement to honor the above limitations from each of the Contractor's employees who will have access to the information before the employee is allowed access.

(3) The Contractor agrees that these contract conditions concerning the use and disclosure of CBI are included for the benefit of, and shall be

enforceable by, both EPA and any affected businesses having a proprietary interest in the information.

(4) The Contractor shall not use any CBI supplied by EPA or obtained during performance hereunder to compete with any business to which the CBI relates.

(b) The Contractor agrees to obtain the written consent of the CO, after a written determination by the appropriate program office, prior to entering into any subcontract that will involve the disclosure of CBI by the Contractor to the subcontractor. The Contractor agrees to include this clause, including this paragraph (b), in all subcontracts awarded pursuant to this contract that require the furnishing of CBI to the subcontractor.

H.15 TREATMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (TSCA) (EPAAR 1552.235-76) (APR 1996)

(a) The Project Officer (PO) or his/her designee, after a written determination by the appropriate program office, may disclose confidential business information (CBI) to the Contractor necessary to carry out the work required under this contract. The Contractor agrees to use the CBI only under the following conditions:

(1) The Contractor and Contractor's employees shall (i) use the CBI only for the purposes of carrying out the work required by the contract; (ii) not disclose the information to anyone other than properly cleared EPA employees without the prior written approval of the Assistant General Counsel for Information Law or his/her designee; and (iii) return the CBI to the PO or his/her designee, whenever the information is no longer required by the Contractor for performance of the work required by the contract, or upon completion of this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall obtain a written agreement to honor the above limitations from each of the Contractor's employees who will have access to the information before the employee is allowed access.

(3) The Contractor agrees that these contract conditions concerning the use and disclosure of CBI are included for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, both EPA and any affected businesses having a proprietary interest in the information.

(4) The Contractor shall not use any CBI supplied by EPA or obtained during performance hereunder to compete with any business to which the CBI relates.

(b) The Contractor agrees to obtain the written consent of the CO, after a written determination by the appropriate program office, prior to entering into any subcontract that will involve the disclosure of CBI by the Contractor to the subcontractor. The Contractor agrees to include this clause, including this paragraph (b), in all subcontracts awarded pursuant to this contract that require the furnishing of CBI to the subcontractor.

H.16 DATA SECURITY FOR FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (EPAAR 1552.235-77) (DEC 1997)

The Contractor shall handle Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) confidential business information (CBI) in accordance with the contract clause entitled "Treatment of Confidential Business Information" and "Screening Business Information for Claims of Confidentiality," the provisions set forth below, and the Contractor's approved detailed security plan.

(a) The Project Officer (PO) or his/her designee, after a written determination by the appropriate program office, may disclose FIFRA CBI to the contractor necessary to carry out the work required under this contract. The Contractor shall protect all FIFRA CBI to which it has access (including CBI used in its computer operations) in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) The Contractor and Contractor's employees shall follow the security procedures set forth in the FIFRA Information Security Manual. The manual may be obtained from the Project Officer (PO) or the Chief, Information Services Branch (ISB), Program Management and Support Division, Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) (H7502C), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460.

(2) The Contractor and Contractor's employees shall follow the security procedures set forth in the Contractor's security plan(s) approved by EPA.

(3) Prior to receipt of FIFRA CBI by the Contractor, the Contractor shall ensure that all employees who will be cleared for access to FIFRA CBI have been briefed on the handling, control, and security requirements set forth in the FIFRA Information Security Manual.

(4) The Contractor Document Control Officer (DCO) shall obtain a signed copy of the FIFRA "Contractor Employee Confidentiality Agreement" from each of the Contractor's employees who will have access to the information before the employee is allowed access.

(b) The Contractor agrees that these requirements concerning protection of FIFRA CBI are included for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, both EPA and any affected business having a proprietary interest in the information.

(c) The Contractor understands that CBI obtained by EPA under FIFRA may not be disclosed except as authorized by the Act, and that any unauthorized disclosure by the Contractor or the Contractor's employees may subject the Contractor and the Contractor's employees to the criminal penalties specified in FIFRA (7 U.S.C. 136h(f)). For purposes of this contract, the only disclosures that EPA authorizes the Contractor to make are those set forth in the clause entitled "Treatment of Confidential Business Information."

(d) The Contractor agrees to include the provisions of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in all subcontracts awarded pursuant to this contract that require the furnishing of CBI to the subcontractor.

(e) At the request of EPA or at the end of the contract, the Contractor shall return to the EPA PO or his/her designee all documents, logs, and magnetic media which contain FIFRA CBI. In addition, each Contractor employee who has received FIFRA CBI clearance will sign a "Confidentiality Agreement for Contractor Employees Upon Relinquishing FIFRA CBI Access Authority." The Contractor DCO will also forward those agreements to the EPA PO or his/her

designee, with a copy to the CO, at the end of the contract.

(f) If, subsequent to the date of this contract, the Government changes the security requirements, the CO shall equitably adjust affected provisions of this contract, in accordance with the "Changes" clause when:

(1) The Contractor submits a timely written request for an equitable adjustment; and

(2) The facts warrant an equitable adjustment.

H.17 DATA SECURITY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (EPAAR 1552.235-78) (DEC 1997)

The Contractor shall handle Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) confidential business information (CBI) in accordance with the contract clause entitled "Treatment of Confidential Business Information" and "Screening Business Information for Claims of Confidentiality."

(a) The Project Officer (PO) or his/her designee, after a written determination by the appropriate program office, may disclose TSCA CBI to the contractor necessary to carry out the work required under this contract. The Contractor shall protect all TSCA CBI to which it has access (including CBI used in its computer operations) in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) The Contractor and Contractor's employees shall follow the security procedures set forth in the TSCA CBI Security Manual. The manual may be obtained from the Director, Information Management Division (IMD), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460. Prior to receipt of TSCA CBI by the Contractor, the Contractor shall ensure that all employees who will be cleared for access to TSCA CBI have been briefed on the handling, control, and security requirements set forth in the TSCA CBI Security Manual.

(2) The Contractor shall permit access to and inspection of the Contractor's facilities in use under this contract by representatives of EPA's Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, and the TSCA Security Staff in the OPPT, or by the EPA Project Officer.

(3) The Contractor Document Control Officer (DCO) shall obtain a signed copy of EPA Form 7740-6, "TSCA CBI Access Request, Agreement, and Approval," from each of the Contractor's employees who will have access to the information before the employee is allowed access. In addition, the Contractor shall obtain from each employee who will be cleared for TSCA CBI access all information required by EPA or the U.S. Office of Personnel Management for EPA to conduct a Minimum Background Investigation.

(b) The Contractor agrees that these requirements concerning protection of TSCA CBI are included for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, both EPA and any affected business having a proprietary interest in the information.

(c) The Contractor understands that CBI obtained by EPA under TSCA may not be disclosed except as authorized by the Act, and that any unauthorized

disclosure by the Contractor or the Contractor's employees may subject the Contractor and the Contractor's employees to the criminal penalties specified in TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2613(d)). For purposes of this contract, the only disclosures that EPA authorizes the Contractor to make are those set forth in the clause entitled "Treatment of Confidential Business Information."

(d) The Contractor agrees to include the provisions of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in all subcontracts awarded pursuant to this contract that require the furnishing of CBI to the subcontractor.

(e) At the request of EPA or at the end of the contract, the Contractor shall return to the EPA PO or his/her designee, all documents, logs, and magnetic media which contain TSCA CBI. In addition, each Contractor employee who has received TSCA CBI clearance will sign EPA Form 7740-18, "Confidentiality Agreement for Contractor Employees Upon Relinquishing TSCA CBI Access Authority." The Contractor DCO will also forward those agreements to the EPA OPPT/IMD, with a copy to the CO, at the end of the contract.

(f) If, subsequent to the date of this contract, the Government changes the security requirements, the CO shall equitably adjust affected provisions of this contract, in accordance with the "Changes" clause, when:

(1) The Contractor submits a timely written request for an equitable adjustment; and,

(2) The facts warrant an equitable adjustment.

H.18 RELEASE OF CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (EPAAR 1552.235-79) (APR 1996)

(a) The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may find it necessary to release information submitted by the Contractor either in response to this solicitation or pursuant to the provisions of this contract, to individuals not employed by EPA. Business information that is ordinarily entitled to confidential treatment under existing Agency regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 2) may be included in the information released to these individuals. Accordingly, by submission of this proposal or signature on this contract or other contracts, the Contractor hereby consents to a limited release of its confidential business information (CBI).

(b) Possible circumstances where the Agency may release the Contractor's CBI include, but are not limited to the following:

(1) To other Agency contractors tasked with assisting the Agency in the recovery of Federal funds expended pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 9607, as amended, (CERCLA or Superfund);

(2) To the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and contractors employed by DOJ for use in advising the Agency and representing the Agency in procedures for the recovery of Superfund expenditures;

(3) To parties liable, or potentially liable, for costs under CERCLA Sec. 107 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 9607), et al, and their insurers (Potentially Responsible Parties) for purposes of facilitating settlement or litigation of

claims against such parties;

(4) To other Agency contractors who, for purposes of performing the work required under the respective contracts, require access to information the Agency obtained under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.); the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.); the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.); the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.); the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.); the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.); or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.);

(5) To other Agency contractors tasked with assisting the Agency in handling and processing information and documents in the administration of Agency contracts, such as providing both preaward and post award audit support and specialized technical support to the Agency's technical evaluation panels;

(6) To employees of grantees working at EPA under the Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program;

(7) To Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, or Chairman of a Committee or Subcommittee;

(8) To entities such as the General Accounting Office, boards of contract appeals, and the Courts in the resolution of solicitation or contract protests and disputes;

(9) To Agency contractor employees engaged in information systems analysis, development, operation, and maintenance, including performing data processing and management functions for the Agency; and

(10) Pursuant to a court order or court-supervised agreement.

(c) The Agency recognizes an obligation to protect the contractor from competitive harm that may result from the release of such information to a competitor. (See also the clauses in this document entitled "Screening Business Information for Claims of Confidentiality" and "Treatment of Confidential Business Information.") Except where otherwise provided by law, the Agency will permit the release of CBI under subparagraphs (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (9) only pursuant to a confidentiality agreement.

(d) With respect to contractors, 1552.235-71 will be used as the confidentiality agreement. With respect to Potentially Responsible Parties, such confidentiality agreements may permit further disclosure to other entities where necessary to further settlement or litigation of claims under CERCLA. Such entities include, but are not limited to accounting firms and technical experts able to analyze the information, provided that they also agree to be bound by an appropriate confidentiality agreement.

(e) This clause does not authorize the Agency to release the Contractor's CBI to the public pursuant to a request filed under the Freedom of Information Act.

(f) The Contractor agrees to include this clause, including this paragraph (f), in all subcontracts at all levels awarded pursuant to this contract that require the furnishing of confidential business information by the

subcontractor.

H.19 CONTRACT PUBLICATION REVIEW PROCEDURES (EPAAR 1552.237-70) (APR 1984)

(a) Material generated under this contract intended for release to the public is subject to the Agency's publication review process in accordance with the EPA Order on this subject and the following.

(b) Except as indicated in paragraph (c) below, the Contractor shall not independently publish or print material generated under this contract until after completion of the EPA review process. The Project Officer will notify the Contractor of review completion within thirty (30) calendar days after the Contractor's transmittal to the Project Officer of material generated under this contract. If the Contractor does not receive Project Officer notification within this period, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer in writing.

(c) The Contractor may publish, in a scientific journal, material resulting directly or indirectly from work performed under this contract, subject to the following:

(1) The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer and the Project Officer, at least 30 days prior to publication, a copy of any paper, article, or other dissemination of information intended for publication.

(2) The Contractor shall include the following statement in a journal article which has not been subjected to EPA review: "Although the research described in this article has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency contract (number) to (Name of Contractor), it has not been subject to the Agency's review and therefore does not necessarily reflect the views of the Agency, and no official endorsement should be inferred."

(3) Following publication of the journal article, the Contractor shall submit five copies of the journal article to the Project Officer, and one copy to the Contracting Officer.

(d) If the Government has completed the review process and agreed that the contract material may be attributed to EPA, the Contractor shall include the following statement in the document:

This material has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under contract (number) to (name). It has been subject to the Agency's review, and it has been approved for publication as an EPA document. Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute endorsement or recommendation for use.

(e) If the Government has completed the review process, but decides not to publish the material, the Contractor may independently publish and distribute the material for its own use and at its own expense, and shall include the following statement in any independent publication:

Although the information described in this article has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under contract (number) to (name), it does not necessarily reflect the views of the Agency

and no official endorsement should be inferred.

H.20 TECHNICAL DIRECTION (EPAAR 1552.237-71) (APR 1984) DEVIATION

(a) The Project Officer is the primary representative of the Contracting Officer authorized to provide technical direction on contract performance.

(b) Individuals other than the Project Officer may be authorized to provide technical direction. If individuals other than the Project Officer are authorized to provide technical direction, their names will be specified in the contract, delivery order, work assignment or technical direction document as appropriate. A Delivery Order Project Officer, Work Assignment Manager or Task Manager is authorized to provide technical direction, subject to the limitations set forth below, only on his/her delivery order, work assignment or technical direction document.

(c) Technical direction includes:

(1) Direction to the contractor which assists the contractor in accomplishing the Statement of Work.

(2) Comments on and approval of reports or other deliverables.

(d) Technical direction must be within the contract and the delivery order, work assignment or technical direction document statement of work. The Project Officer or any other technical representative of the Contracting Officer does not have the authority to issue technical direction which (1) institutes additional work outside the scope of the contract, delivery order, work assignment or technical direction document; (2) constitutes a change as defined in the "Changes" clause; (3) causes an increase or decrease in the estimated cost of the contract, delivery order, work assignment or technical direction document; (4) alters the period of performance; or (5) changes any of the other express terms or conditions of the contract, delivery order, work assignment or technical direction document.

(e) Technical direction will be issued in writing or confirmed in writing within five (5) calendar days after verbal issuance. One copy of the technical direction memorandum will be forwarded to the Contracting Officer and the Project Officer.

H.21 KEY PERSONNEL (EPAAR 1552.237-72) (APR 1984)

(a) The Contractor shall assign to this contract the following key personnel:

ESAT Program Manager: Douglas W. Winters
 Group Leader-Field Analytical & Field Logistical Support: Stephen L. Pilcher
 Group Leader-Analytical Support: Nancy D. Seabolt
 Group Leader-Biology Support: Joe Owusu-Yaw
 Group Leader-Data Review and Logistical Support: Charlie Appleby

(b) During the first ninety (90) calendar days of performance, the Contractor shall make no substitutions of key personnel unless the substitution is necessitated by illness, death, or termination of employment. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer within 15 calendar days after the occurrence of any of these events and provide the information

required by paragraph (c) below. After the initial ninety (90) calendar day period, the Contractor shall submit the information required by paragraph (c) to the Contracting Officer at least 15 calendar days prior to making any permanent substitutions.

(c) The Contractor shall provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions, complete resumes for the proposed substitutes, and any additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. Proposed substitutes should have comparable qualifications to those of the persons being replaced. The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor within 15 calendar days after receipt of all required information of the decision on substitutions. This clause will be modified to reflect any approved changes of key personnel.

H.22 SUBCONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION

(a) The purpose of this clause is to identify the subcontractors in the Contractor's proposal which resulted in award of this contract.

(b) Notwithstanding the clause of this contract, FAR 52.244-2, entitled "Subcontracts", it is hereby agreed to and understood that the following "team subcontractors" will perform the work under this contract as outlined in the Contractor's technical proposal incorporated in Section C of this contract:

Subcontractor	Estimated Amount of Total Potential Subcontract
ManTech Environmental Technology, Inc.	\$6,273,234

(c) Any substitutions in the above listing of subcontractors which will result in a deviation from the Contractor's technical proposal which resulted in award of this contract shall be approved in advance of the substitution in writing by the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions, information required by the clause of this contract entitled "Subcontracts (Cost-Reimbursement and Letter Contracts)" and any additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. Proposed substitutes should have comparable qualifications to those of the subcontractors being replaced. This clause may be modified upon approval of the requested substitutions by the Contracting Officer.

(d) This clause is not intended to grant consent to the above subcontracts. Subcontract consent will be granted in accordance with EPA procedures and the clause of this contract entitled "Subcontracts (Cost-Reimbursement and Letter Contracts)".

H.23 PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT (EPAAR 1552.237-75) (APR 1984)

If it is established at award or subsequently becomes a contractual requirement to collect identical information from ten (10) or more public respondents, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. applies. In that event, the Contractor shall not take any action to solicit information from any of the public respondents until notified in writing by the Contracting Officer that the required Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) final clearance was received.

H.24 GOVERNMENT - CONTRACTOR RELATIONS (EPAAR 1552.237-76) (JUL 1999)
DEVIATION

(a) The Government and the Contractor understand and agree that the services to be delivered under this contract by the contractor to the Government are non-personal services and the parties recognize and agree that no employer-employee relationship exists or will exist under the contract between the Government and the Contractor's personnel. It is, therefore, in the best interest of the Government to afford both parties a full understanding of their respective obligations.

(b) Contractor personnel under this contract shall not:

(1) Be placed in a position where they are under the supervision, direction, or evaluation of a Government employee.

(2) Be placed in a position of command, supervision, administration or control over Government personnel, or over personnel of other Contractors under other EPA contracts, or become a part of the Government organization.

(3) Be used in administration or supervision of Government procurement activities.

(C) Employee Relationship:

(1) The services to be performed under this contract do not require the Contractor or his/her personnel to exercise personal judgment and discretion on behalf of the Government. Rather the Contractor's personnel will act and exercise personal judgment and discretion on behalf of the Contractor.

(2) Rules, regulations, directives, and requirements that are issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under its responsibility for good order, administration, and security are applicable to all personnel who enter the Government installation or who travel on Government transportation. This is not to be construed or interpreted to establish any degree of Government control that is inconsistent with a non-personal services contract.

(d) Inapplicability of Employee Benefits: This contract does not create an employer-employee relationship. Accordingly, entitlements and benefits applicable to such relationships do not apply.

(1) Payments by the Government under this contract are not subject to Federal income tax withholdings.

(2) Payments by the Government under this contract are not subject to the Federal Insurance Contributions Act.

(3) The Contractor is not entitled to unemployment compensation benefits under the Social Security Act, as amended, by virtue of performance of this contract.

(4) The Contractor is not entitled to workman's compensation benefits by virtue of this contract.

(5) The entire consideration and benefits to the Contractor for performance of this contract is contained in the provisions for payment under this contract.

(e). Notice. It is the Contractor's, as well as, the Government's responsibility to monitor contract activities and notify the Contracting Officer if the Contractor believes that the intent of this clause has been or may be violated.

(1) The Contractor should notify the Contracting Officer in writing promptly, within 7 calendar days from the date of any incident that the Contractor considers to constitute a violation of this clause. The notice should include the date, nature and circumstance of the conduct, the name, function and activity of each Government employee or Contractor official or employee involved or knowledgeable about such conduct, identify any documents or substance of any oral communication involved in the conduct, and the estimate in time by which the Government must respond to this notice to minimize cost, delay or disruption of performance.

(2) The Contracting Officer will promptly, within 15 calendar days after receipt of notice, respond to the notice in writing. In responding, the Contracting Officer will either:

(i) confirm that the conduct is in violation and when necessary direct the mode of further performance,

(ii) countermand any communication regarded as a violation,

(iii) deny that the conduct constitutes a violation and when necessary direct the mode of further performance; or

(iv) in the event the notice is inadequate to make a decision, advise the Contractor what additional information is required, and establish the date by which it should be furnished by the Contractor and the date thereafter by which the Government will respond.

H.25 ACCESS TO EPA COMPUTERS (EP 52.239-101) (FEB 1986)

The personnel listed below have been authorized access to EPA computers in the performance of this contract. In the event of changes to this listing through a reassignment, resignation, termination, completion of a task or any other reason making such access unnecessary, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer.

<u>NAME & COMPANY</u>	<u>ACCESS TO LOCAL AREA NETWORK</u>	<u>ACCESS TO MAINFRAME</u>
Redacted	X	
Exemption 4, CBI	X	
	X	X
	X	
	X	
	X	
	X	X
	X	X
	X	

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The Contractor shall not fabricate nor acquire under this contract, either directly or indirectly through a subcontract, any item of nonexpendable property without written approval from the Contracting Officer.

The following clauses are applicable to cost-reimbursement type task orders only:

H.28 IDENTIFICATION OF ON-SITE CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES

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staff members. In addition, when working on EPA property, all contractor, subcontractor, and consultant personnel shall have signs visible on their desks or at their work sites that clearly state that they are not EPA employees.

H.29 PERFORMANCE OF WORK

The Contractor is prohibited from performing any work under this contract unless a task order signed by the Contracting Officer, containing all of the elements of FAR 16.505(a)(6) has been received.

H.30 EPA REGIONAL CROSSOVER

(a) In the event of the contractor's potential or actual conflict of interest in conducting a specific task order (as determined by the Contracting Officer), or when the maximum amount of effort has already been ordered or is about to be ordered by the Government, or in any other situation in which it is determined to be in the best interest of the Government, professional services for this Region may be ordered through another Region's contract.

(b) The Contractor agrees to accept task orders for services within any other Region, provided the amount of such services, in addition to other work performed under this contract, does not exceed the maximum amounts specified in the Section B clause titled "Minimum and Maximum Amounts." The Government may require the Contractor to perform a regional crossover task order for ESAT in any of the following EPA Regions in the event of a COI or in any other situation in which it is determined by the Contracting Officer to be in the best interest of the Government:

Region I	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
Region II	New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands
Region III	Delaware, D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia
Region IV	North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky
Region V	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin
Region VI	Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas
Region VII	Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska
Region VIII	Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming
Region IX	Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa and Guam
Region X	Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington

H.31 APPROVAL OF TRAINING (HQ-H-99-01)

1. The contractor shall provide and maintain a qualified staff of personnel to meet the requirements of the Statement Of Work. The contractor shall provide training to keep its personnel abreast of changes to the science and/or technology associated with the requirements of the contract. In addition, the contractor shall ensure that its personnel receive appropriate safety, health and environmental training in accordance with Federal, state and local requirements prior to assigning any task that require such training. The contractor shall provide documentation of such training upon the request of the Project Officer and/or Contracting Officer.

The Government will not directly reimburse the cost for contractor employees to meet or maintain minimal contract requirements or to obtain and sustain an appropriate level of professionalism. Any direct charges for training will only be considered for reimbursement under this contract by compliance with the procedures set forth in paragraph (2) below.

2. There may be occasions when it is determined to be in the best interest of the Government to reimburse the contractor for the direct cost of training associated with a requirement that represents a unique Government need unrecognized at the time of contract award. When such circumstances occur, the contractor shall secure the Contracting Officer's prior written approval by submitting a written request through the Project Officer that includes, at a minimum the following information:

a. Individual to be trained (Identify position and job duties under contract.)

b. Description of circumstances necessitating the training. (Describe the specific change to the performance requirements. Identify by number and title of the work assignment(s) that will benefit from training and describe in detail how the training relates to the Statement Of Work and job duties under the contract.)

c. Estimated cost (Include a cost breakdown. Explain why this is the most cost effective means to fulfill the contract requirements.)

3. The Contracting Officer will provide the contractor with written approval or disapproval of the request. Approval of work plans that include training as an other direct cost element shall not be construed to mean the training is approved; i.e., the contractor shall obtain written approval pursuant to the terms of this clause. Training billed as a direct cost shall be disallowed by the Contracting Officer unless approved pursuant to the terms of this clause.

H.32 PERFORMANCE OF WORK AT HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE - CERTIFICATION OF REQUIRED TRAINING

The contractor shall certify to the Project Officer in writing that any of its employees, subcontractors, or consultants performing field work at any hazardous waste site has completed an EPA approved training program (29 CFR 1910.120), in relation to this project, prior to assignment of any such employee, subcontractor, or consultant to field duty.

H.33 SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT - REGULATORY ASSISTANCE

In the event any task order requires the Contractor to provide services that involve or relate to the development of regulations, the Contractor shall:

- (a) submit reports that contain recommendations and that explain and rank policy or action alternatives, if any;
- (b) describe what procedures were used to arrive at or which support the Contractor's recommendations;
- (c) summarize the substance of their deliberations;
- (d) report any dissenting views;
- (e) list sources relied upon; and
- (f) otherwise make clear the methods and considerations upon which the Contractor's recommendations are based.

The Contracting Officer will specify whether this Special Reporting Requirement is applicable to the work encompassed by any particular task order.

(Source of Reporting Requirement: OFPP Letter 92-1, "Inherently Government Functions," September 23, 1992)

H.34 APPLICATION OF RIGHTS IN DATA - SPECIAL WORKS CLAUSE

The Rights in Data - Special Works clause (FAR 52.227-17) shall apply to task orders "...that are primarily for the production or compilation of data (other than limited rights data or restricted computer software) for the Government's own use..." or when the Contracting Officer determines that there is a specific need to limit data distribution first produced under a particular task order. The Rights in Data-Special Works clause (FAR 52.227-17) shall apply to task orders which are included in the examples set forth in FAR 27.405(a) and also to other task orders specifically identified by the Contracting Officer.